

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to correct an obvious error, and claims 7-9 are added without the introduction of new matter. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in paragraphs [0011], [0027] and [0029]; and Figs. 2 and 3.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Matsufusa (U.S. Patent No. 6,825,890 B2) in view of Jeong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,765,629 B1) (Jeong); and rejects claims 2 and 3 over Matsufusa in view of Jeong and in further view of Kim (U.S. Patent No. 7,088,403 B2). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Matsufusa does not qualify as prior art against this application. Applicants claim priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-052952, filed on February 28, 2003. Matsufusa was filed in the U.S. on March 14, 2003, which is after Applicants' priority date. Matsufusa's foreign priority document, JP 2002-075247, was published September 26, 2003. A Claim for Priority was filed on October 29, 2003 with a certified copy of the priority document, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §119. Additionally, an accurate English-language translation of the priority document is attached.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

II. Amendment to Claim 1

Independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the recited clearance is between the liquid crystal section and the touch panel.

III. New Claims 7 - 9

New claims 7-9 are allowable based on the dependency of these claims to independent claim 1, as well as for the additional features these claims recite.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Accurate translation of JP 2003-052952

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